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1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF BRIEFING GIVEN UN CORRESPONDENTS
BY KEITH BEVIN, ALTERNATE SPOKESMAN OF SYG, UPON HIS
RETURN FROM LISBON.

2. "THE SYG ASSURED THE PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES HE WOULD
BRING THE PORTUGUESE POSITION AS STATED IN THE COMMUNIQUE
ISSUED AT END WALDHEIM VISIT TO LISBON TO THE ATTENTION OF
COMPETENT UN ORGANS. UN SPOKESMAN SAID SOARES ATTITUDE
IS THAT ACTIVE PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION HAS NOW BEGUN IN
THE PRESENCE OF THE SYG AND THE UN IS IN THE MAINSTREAM OF
THIS HISTORIC DEVELOPMENT. HE ADDED PORTUGAL DID NOT
CONSIDER THEIR STATEMENT AN END IN ITSELF BUT A BEGINNING.
SYG HAS OFFERED HIS GOOD OFFICES AND THEY WERE ACCEPTED
BY ALL CONCERNED. SYG IS NOT IN POSITION TO ENDORSE
PORTUGUESE STATEMENT; THAT IS NOT HIS ROLE.

3. "THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT SEES THE STATEMENT AS
CONTAINING SEVERAL NEW ELEMENTS--UNEQUIVOCAL COOPERATION
WITH THE UN; A PLEDGE TO OPPOSE ANY SECESSION MOVEMENTS OR
DISMEMBERMENT OF AFRICAN TERRITORIES; RECOGNITION OF GUINEA
BISSAU AND SUPPORT FOR THE UN MEMBERSHIP; SELF-DETERMINATION
FOR THE CAPE VERDE ISLANDS; EARLY CONTACT WITH LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS IN ANGOLA SO THAT NEGOTIATIONS CAN BEGIN AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE; CLOSE COOPERATION WITH FRELIMO IN SECURING
MOZAMBIQUE INDEPENDENCE; SELF-DETERMINATION FOR SAO
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TOME AND PRINCIPE ISLANDS.

4. "ATTRIBUTING FOLLOWING TO UN SOURCES SPOKESMAN NOTED
THERE HAS BEEN NO REACTION FROM LIBERATION MOVEMENTS
TO THE PORTUGUESE STATEMENT OR SECRETARY GENERAL-PORTUGAL
TALKS; PORTUGAL EXPECTS TO NEGOTIATE WITH FRELIMO IN "LESS
THAT WEEKS IN A MATTER OF DAYS;" AND SETTLE ON A DATE FOR
INDEPENDENCE. THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT HAS ASSURED SYG IT

IS CURRENTLY AND ACTIVELY REVIEWING PORTUGAL'S POSITION
REGARDING SANCTIONS CALLED FOR BY SECURITY COUNCIL.

5. "ALSO ATTRIBUTABLE TO UN COURCES IS FACT THAT FORMAL
RECOGNITION BY PORTUGAL OF GUINEA BISSAU IS EXPECTED THIS
WEEK.

6. "THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT ASSURED SYG IN PRINCIPLE IT
HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE VISIT OF A MISSION OF THE COMMITTEE
OF 24 TO AFRICAN TERRITORIES AND CONSIDERS IT A GOOD IDEA.
THE SYG ALSO EXPLAINED TO PORTUGAL THAT THE COMMISSION
SET UP BY THE UN TO INVESTIAGE MOZAMBIQUE MASSACRES
HAD BEEN ASKED TO REPORT TO ASSEMBLY AND SOUGHT PORTUGUESE
IDEAS ON WHAT SHOULD BE DONE FURTHER ON THIS."
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